

Application No.: 09/687,734
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the attached claim clarifications and the Remarks, which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 1-4 and 6-21. Support for new claim 21 is found at page 5, line 23.

Restriction Under 35 USC § 121

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- I. claims 10-14, drawn to a method, classified in class 526, subclass 127; or
- II. Claims 1-9 and 15-20, drawn to a catalyst system, classified in class 502, subclass 152.

The Examiner states that the product can be used in a materially different process of using the product such as hydrogenation or isomerization. However, no evidence of such uses of the claimed catalyst were provided. Further, the burden on the US Patent Office to do two searches in such a field would not place an undue burden on the PTO.

Nonetheless, to facilitate prosecution, Applicant elects the claims of Group II, (Claims 1-9 and 15-20) with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future, without prejudice.

The Examiner's points have been addressed.

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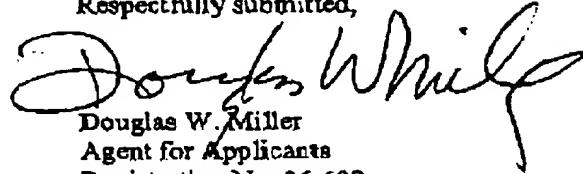
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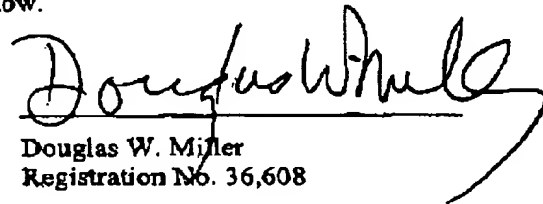
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